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SUBJECT: ENERGY: HYDROPOWER 08.0202 AND S&T: WATER RESOURCES:
COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION 01.01202

1. BOTH MAKSIMOV AT MINPOWER AND AYKAZYAN AT SCST STRONGLY URGED COMBINING TWO SUBJECT PROJECTS UNDER ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH TWO SUBGROUPS CORRESPONDING TO PRESENT DIVISION OF FUNCTIONS. MINISTRY OF POWER IS RESPONSIBLE IN BOTH AREA AND WATER RESOURCES MINISTRY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER. AYKAZYAN SAYS BORODAVCHENKO HAS WRITTEN TO MAKSIMOV AGREEING WITH COMBINATION UNDER ENERGY AGREEMENT.

2. EMBASSY HAS GREAT DIFFICULTY ASSISTING IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR COLD-WEATHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THROUGH NORMAL S&T CONTACTS BECAUSE SOVIET WATER RESOURCES OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE NO COMPETENCE IN THIS AREA. IT IS CLEAR THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT SUPERVISE AND MANAGE COLD-WEATHER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS LONG AS IT IS UNDER S&T AGREEMENT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS US AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET PROPOSAL. ON US SIDE WE MIGHT HAVE TWO COORDINATORS FOR COMBINED PROJECT, ONE FOR EACH SUBTOPIC

3. IF WE AGREE WITH SOVIET PROPOSAL ON ORGANIZATION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WE REVIVE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SEMINAR ON DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF HYRDOELECTRIC STATIONS INCLUDING THOSE IN COLD REGIONS, WHICH WE TURNED DOWN DURING FEBRUARY HYDRO MEETING BECAUSE OF LACK OF AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO MERGER OF TWO PROJECTS.

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